



N.H. DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY BUREAU OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2005 HURRICANE INFORMATION



BASIC HURRICANE SAFETY ACTIONS

- √ Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge (coastal areas) flooding and wind (anywhere in New Hampshire). Develop an emergency plan based on this knowledge.
- √ At the beginning of hurricane season (June 1st), check the supplies for your family disaster kit and use food and water stocks on a rotating basis. Emergency supplies should include flashlights and fresh batteries (not candles), a battery powered radio, a wired telephone (one that doesn't require external power) and stored food and water.
- √ During hurricane season, monitor storms in tropical areas via the news media or Internet to know when storms are headed our way.
- √ Monitor NOAA Weather Radio for real time weather information and warnings.
- √ If a storm threatens, heed the advice of local authorities. **Evacuate if ordered.** (Note: Large-scale evacuations are rare in New Hampshire, but evacuations of individual streets or neighborhoods may be necessary due to local conditions.)
- √ Execute your family emergency plan.

WATCH vs. WARNING

A HURRICANE WATCH indicates that hurricane conditions could arrive in the watch area within 36 hours. A watch should trigger your family's disaster plan and protective measures should be initiated, especially those actions that require extra time, such as securing a boat or leaving limited-access or low-lying areas.

A HURRICANE WARNING indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 miles per hour are expected within 24 hours or less. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding on the safest location to be during the storm.

HURRICANE INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET

National Hurricane Center
WMUR-TV
N.H. Bureau of Emergency Management
Federal Emergency Management Agency

www.nhc.noaa.gov
www.thewmurchannel.com/hurricanes
www.nhoem.state.nh.us
www.fema.gov